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In re Application of Blatter et al.

Application No. 09/029,807

Filed: May 29, 1998

Attorney Docket No: RCA88391

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 22, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

This petition is hereby **Dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. §704.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to a final Office Action which was mailed on March 16, 2000. The final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A three month extension of time was obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on September 16, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 24, 2000.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(c). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03 (c)(III)(C) and (D).

The instant petition lacks items (1) and (3).

As to item (1), petitioner submitted an amendment with the instant petition. However, the examiner has determined the amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be an Appeal brief and fee, an amendment that prima facie places the application in condition for allowance, the filing of a continuing application or a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2) and 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, this application cannot be revived.

As to item (3), although petitioner has provided a statement of unintentional delay, this application has been abandoned for over four years. Petitioner should provide further information regarding the cause of the abandonment and the delay in filing a grantable petition.

A courtesy copy of the Advisory Action is enclosed.

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